

I am opposed to the changes in FCC regulations that have allowed a consolidation of ownership of media (best seen in Clear Channels ownership of stations.)

The result is what I term The Shopping Mall-ification of media.

We hear the same thing from sea to shining sea. This is not choice.

We hear artists picked by executives in some broadcast corporate center who are fed products from some recording corporate center.

The divergent view, the local, the niche, is either bullied out of existence or purchased. The last realm of specialty programs seems to lie with NPR in many cases.

We are "told" what we will like and what we will buy and oh, by the way, don't expect any real local news or editorial.

Sweep through the radio dial, from California to Maine, sameness.

Where is public service? What rationale would these corporations have to "do" local news when they are the only market in so many towns. How would this media dare report on it's real audience, advertisers and government.

If these are the "public's airwaves," the public is ill served.

Encouraging competitors has held to the creation of T-rex not a group of providers that represent the views of a democracy.